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President of the American Forestry Association, of Washington, who urges memorial tree planting along the roads of the country, and that the memorials be given a setting with these roads in view.

THE suggestion of the American Forestry Association, which was made the next day after the signing of the armistice, seems to be getting attention in the country. It was urged that trees be planted in honor of America's soldiers and sailors, both as memorials to those who gave their lives and as tributes of appreciation to the living for their valiant services.

This memorial tree planting proposition has apparently struck a nation-wide chord, and is receiving the support of people in all walks of life in every state in the Union.

Americans are awakening to the bigness of the idea of seeing their towns, cities, parks and local as well as transcontinental highways beautified with handsome trees.

The Rotary Club of Tampa, Florida, is preparing to plant memorial trees along a 15-mile stretch of the famous West Coast Road. At either end of the road a memorial arch will be erected on which will be the names of the men of Hillsborough County who answered the call of their country. The road leads to Pinellas County, and St. Petersburg, which is in Pinellas County, will take up the work of planting from the county line to that city. Sarasota, also in Florida, claims the first victory highway in that commonwealth. In Volusia County the "Pershing Triangle" is to be planted with memorial trees. This will be a road from Deland to Daytona, to New Smyrna and back to Deland. All the trees are to be registered on the national honor roll that is being compiled by the American Forestry Association. It is such activities that picture the wonderful possibilities for making America the most famous country for the tourist in the years to come.

In the planting of the Lincoln Highway there come great opportunities for a national memorial that will be more than worth-while. The work is rapidly going forward in many places. At York, Pa., for instance, the women's clubs under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Hamme, will plant, in co-operation with the Chamber of Commerce, a stretch of 25 miles of this great road. Through Indiana each mile is to be named for a famous son of that state, but the trees are to be marked for the men of the counties through which the Lincoln Highway passes.

Out of Chattanooga, Tenn., memorial trees have been planted by committees organized by Miss Mollie E. C. Kavanaugh and Mrs. D. P. Montague. At Middletown, Ohio, the welfare association, directed by Mrs. C. R. Hook, is planting trees along the Dixie Highway. Ben Allen, President of the Rotary Club at Washington, Indiana, has lined up his club for the planting of memorial trees in honor of the soldiers of that county.

At Minneapolis a "Road of Remembrance" will be completed in 1921 that will connect two city parks. The vase type of elm is being used in this instance, and these trees are now in training for the shape they are to take in 1970. Fifty years from now Minneapolis will have one of the sights of the North Ameri-

Constructing Many "Roads of Remembrance"

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can continent in the way of a memorial. It is reasonable to assume that during the year 1920 more trees will be planted in the United States than were planted during many previous years.

Different species of trees are to be planted along the new roads in Michigan. Along the highway from Chicago to Saginaw, walnut trees are to be planted and this will be called the Victory Highway. The people along the route have volunteered to improve and beautify their property so as to harmonize with the road. This is a good illustration of the way in which tree planting leads to other civic improvements.

The state of Maryland is one of the first to get its highway program under way. The National Defense Highway between Bladensburg and Annapolis will be a memorial to the Maryland soldiers in the Great War for civilization.

The Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs is backing a plan for a Roosevelt road, each side of which will be planted with trees.

In New York a bill has been introduced to create a state commission to prepare plans for a Roosevelt Memorial Trunk Highway from Montauk Point to Buffalo. The city of Buffalo is now considering the project of a memorial bridge to connect Canada and the United States.

The state of Indiana is rapidly formulating plans for the planting of a memorial grove for every county in the state.

In Louisiana trees have been planted along the highway that leads from New Orleans to Winnipeg.

In speaking of memorials to our soldiers, Charles Lathrop Pack, President of the

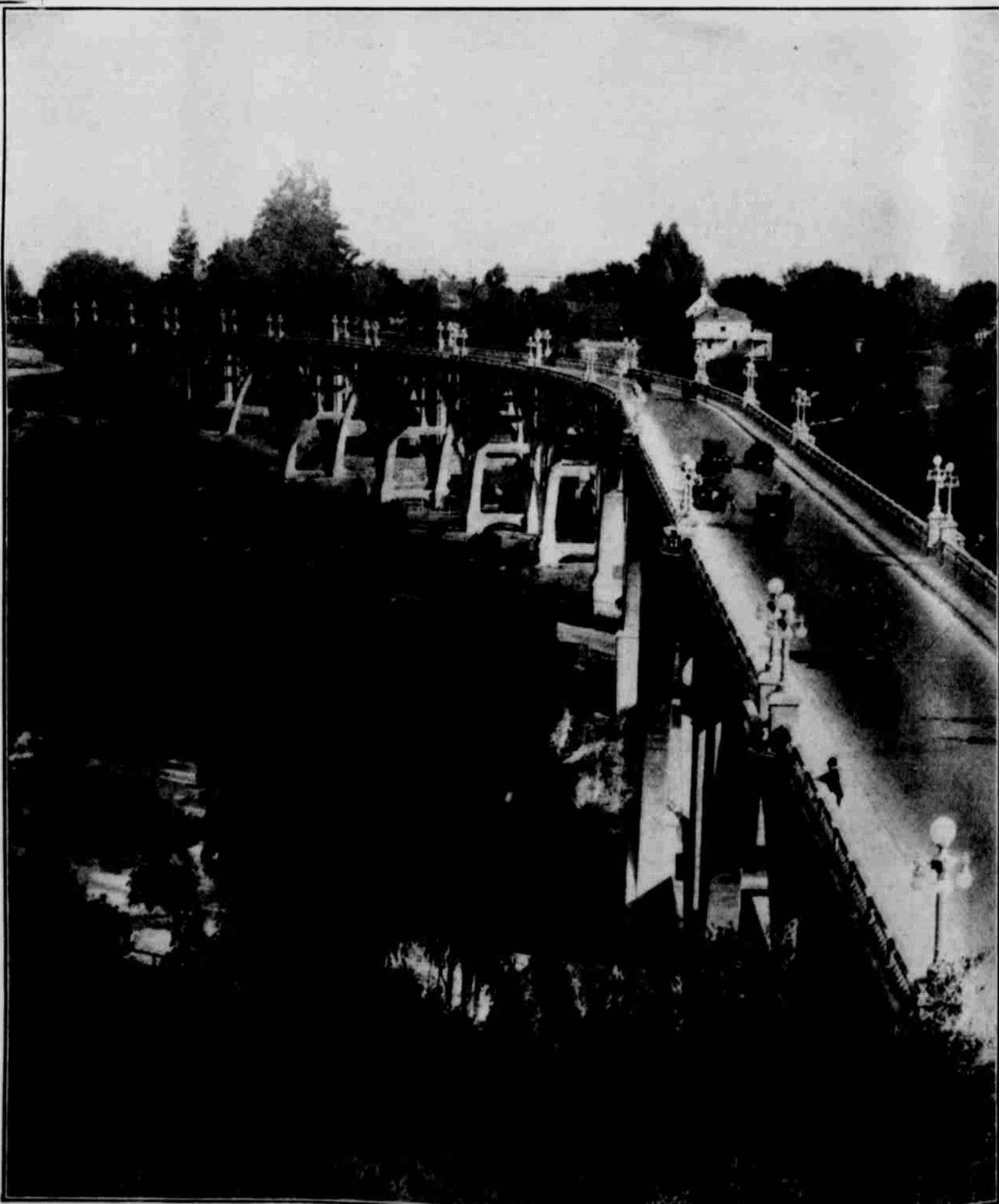
American Forestry Association, said: "The people are anxious to express their gratitude to the war heroes. A monument needs the perspective of time as well as the hand of an artist. Therefore let us build roads of remembrance and, when these are finished with their beautiful bridges and the proper setting of memorial trees, then place the monuments at the intersections and along the roads. Millions are to be spent on roads. Let them be spent wisely."

"In roads of remembrance we have the opportunity to make our country the most beautiful in the world. While serving the great needs of commerce, now enlarging before us, these roads will, indeed, become the friend of man for they will bring men closer together. Thus it will be seen that the doughboy, after all, has brought us all closer to 'The Great Tree Maker' and has erected his own monument—a better country than that in which he was born and for which he fought. With that monument the doughboy will be satisfied."

The colossal road-building program now under way in every state in this country, made necessary, for the proper development of commerce, agriculture, education and Christianity, will make it very easy for thousands of communities to create "Roads of Remembrance."

The road-building programs now before this country involve the expenditure of \$340,000,000. This means that the taxpayers of the country, as usual, have a vital interest in the expenditure of that money but will have comparatively little to say about the expenditure. Now if the taxpayer can have a vital and intimate part in the beautification of these roads with the planting of memorial trees it becomes his road and he will take an interest in the upkeep of that road such as he has never evinced before.

Joyce Kilmer, who gave his life to France, paid a glorious tribute to the tree when he wrote: "I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree, a tree that looks at God all day and lifts its leafy arms to pray."



Such bridges as this at Pasadena, are expected to become part of the country-wide, road-building scheme and they fit in with the plans of the American Forestry Association for "Roads of Remembrance".

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